

## REVIEW OF TRADE.

The settlement of the American tariff, coupled with crop reports, which are favorable, taking in the country as a whole, has already given a hopeful tone to the fall trade prospects. Though there is little tangible improvement in the movement of merchandise, there is a more hopeful feeling and a steady fall and winter trade is generally anticipated. The good harvest reports from Manitoba and the Northwest lead manufacturers and wholesalers to expect an improvement in remittances from that quarter, though there is no disposition in Toronto or Montreal to press for fresh trade there. In eastern Ontario and Quebec there is an improved tone, while trade in the Maritime Provinces is very fair. Fall and winter trade in dry goods all over Canada would show a considerable expansion if it were not for the amount of heavy goods which retailers in some localities report having on their hands from last winter.

The wholesale trade has been interested, not to say excited, over the recent reduction on Canadian colored cottons. On the higher class of denims of 8 oz. and upwards, the reduction was 2 cents a yard, and on denims under 8 oz. about 1½ cents. On 36-in. ginghams, or apron checks, there was a reduction from 8 cents to 7½ cents, while 33-in goods of the same class were reduced from 7½ to 6½ cents. There was also a slight cut in cottonades. This cut appears to have been occasioned by the appearance in the Canadian market of the agent of an American commission house who had bought out the product of a mill and came over here to unload. He sold 38-inch bordered goods at 5½ cents, which cost 7.33 cents laid down in Canada, but as these goods, though having a softer finish and attractive designs, were not what is demanded by the Canadian trade, it is not very likely the American invader would have made a permanent impression here, even if the Canadian colored cotton mills had held to their prices, which were reasonable. Very few of the American goods were placed in Montreal. A later feature in the Canadian cotton trade has been an advance of about five per cent. on two or three lines of grey cottons. During the past month, all of the Canadian cotton mills which had been closed, excepting the St. Croix mill, have resumed work, generally on a reduced scale of wages.

During the month, a conference was held between the wholesale trade and the Dominion Cotton Mills Company looking to a uniform dating and terms on these goods when sold to the retail trade, but no agreement was arrived at.

Among the woollen mills, there is a

## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

## IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of September, 1891:

ARTICLES.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, beer and porter	\$ 1,919	\$ 690 32
Animals	2,927	285 10
Books, pamphlets, etc.	2,113	628 82
Brass and manufactures of	267	78 70
Breadstuffs—grain of all kinds	1 6	1 80
Flour	3,707	252 53
Meal, corn and oat	1,193	1,590 22
Rice	120	16 49
Other breadstuffs	10,510	1,961 93
Bicycles, Tricycles, Velocipedes and parts of	2,068	691 27
Cars, railway and tram		
Coal, bituminous		
Copper and manufactures of	111	31 20
Cottons, bleached or unbleached, not dyed, colored, etc.	81	20 65
" bleached, dyed, etc.	3,651	1,096 20
" clothing	1,251	416 65
" thread not on spools, yarn, warp, etc.	1	50
" thread on spools	1	25
" all other manufactures	1,127	376 35
Drugs and medicines	2,291	616 05
Earthen, stone & Chinaware	118	11 10
Fancy goods & embroideries: Bracelets, braids, fringes, etc.	531	160 20
Laces, collars, nettings, etc.	610	192 00
All other fancy goods	1,226	372 35
Fish and products of	2,111	556 31
Fruits and nuts dried	1,871	545 28
Green, oranges and lemons	335	21 65
All other	5,063	1,691 29
Furs, manufactures of	662	165 59
Glass, manufactures of—		
" Bottles, jars, etc.	250	75 40
" Window glass	338	139 52
" Plate glass		
" All other manufactures	581	163 90
Gum powder & explosive substances	615	183 50
Gutta percha, manuf's of	6,137	1,916 02
Hats, caps, and bonnets, beaver, silk or felt	3,185	955 50
" All other	1,021	397 20
Iron and steel and manuf's of		
" Band, hoop, sheet, plate	15	2 25
" Bar iron & railway bars	965	280 00
" Cutlery, hardware, etc.	2,530	621 90
" Machines, machinery, etc.	683	155 75
" Pig iron, kentledge, etc.		
" Stoves and castings	512	116 59
" Tubing	1,101	152 61
" All other manufactures	2,677	703 56
Jewelry & watches & manuf's of gold and silver	129	32 25
Lead and manufactures of	295	69 08
Leather, all kinds	251	13 14
" Boots and shoes	1,057	271 25
" All other manuf's	1,707	367 05
Marble & stone & manuf's of	53	12 70
Metals and manufactures of	291	57 67
Musical instruments	1,397	430 15
Oil, mineral and products of	1,085	1,062 69
" Flaxseed or linseed	563	112 69
" All other	1,285	369 25
Paints and colors	252	25 95
Paper, envelopes, etc.	371	107 86
Pickles, sauces, capers	177	106 95
Provisions, lard, meats, fresh and salt	6,112	1,139 29
" Butter, cheese	389	69 19
Seeds and roots	342	35 90
Silk, manufactures of	9,211	2,811 69
Soap, all kinds	187	61 76
Spices, ground & unground	6	1 50
Spirits, all kinds	5,005	9,155 37
Wines, sparkling	1,008	573 69
" other than sparkling	765	755 28
Molasses		
Tobacco and cigars	2,898	2,683 91
Vegetables	1,302	327 00
Wool, manufactures of	413	109 80
Woolens: Carpets, Brussels and tapestry	2,118	641 10
" Clothing	5,013	1,738 57
" Cloths, worsteds, etc.	918	267 05
" Dress goods	4,579	1,191 09
" Knitted goods	1,382	483 70
" Shawls	517	136 75
" Yarns	225	65 05
" All other manuf's	159	166 73

All other dutiable goods	10,177	9,185 89
Total dutiable goods	\$167,951	\$57,680 12
Free goods	61,703	
Coin and bullion		
Grand total	\$229,657	\$57,680 12

The following are the free goods entered at the port of Victoria for the month of September, 1891:

FREE GOODS.	
Animals for improvement of stock	\$ 6 00
Articles for use of Army and Navy	27,268 00
Asphaltum or Asphalt	
Broom Corn	
Coffee	1,661 00
Cotton waste	96 40
Dyes, chemicals, etc.	5,062 00
Fish and products of	388 00
Fisheries, articles for, nets, seines, etc.	83 00
Fruits, bananas, olives, pineapples, etc.	390 00
Fur, skins not dressed	120 00
Grease for soap making, etc.	1,511 00
Hides and skins	
India rubber and gutta percha, crude	
Metals: Brass and copper	1,970 00
" Iron and steel, all other	
" Tin and zinc	92 00
" Other	17 00
Oils, vegetable	212 00
Salt	773 61
Settlers' effects	5,582 10
Sugar	
Tea	8,215 00
Tobacco leaf	115 00
Wood, cabinetmakers, etc.	56 00
All other free goods	1,859 00
Total	\$ 61,703 00
Coin and bullion	
Total free goods	\$ 61,703 00

## EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of September, 1891—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.		QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal	tons	116	2,080
Gold dust, nuggets, etc.			28,465
THE FISHERIES.			
Fish of all descriptions			315,726
Fish oil	gals	800	369
Furs or skins of creatures living in the water			350,910
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS.			
Wool	lbs	1,938	313
Other articles			58,919
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.			
Fruits—green			71
Indian and other meal	bbls	3	15
MANUFACTURES.			
Boots			2
Liquors—spirited & malt of all kinds	gals	5	17
Sewing machines		1	7
Wood, manufactures of			10
Other articles			1,757
Grand total			\$ 758,682
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of September, 1891:		QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Agricultural Products—			
Fruits—green			4
Manufactures—			
Iron pig and scrap, castings, hardware, etc.			228
Sewing machines		2	40
Wood m's of all kinds			72
Other articles			2,402
Miscellaneous articles			219
Total			\$ 2,905
Bullion—Gold and silver			2,910
Grand total			\$ 5,815
Total exports of all kinds			\$764,587

slightly improved feeling, arising from the brighter trade prospects, but a number of mills are still running below their full capacity, while there is a general complaint of low prices among the tweed

manufacturers. One class of Canadian tweeds is selling at the unprecedented price of 20 cents a yard—at which price the manufacturer is not going to get rich. —Canadian Journal of Fabrics, Toronto.